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RE: Docket #98N-1038

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to inform you that I feel strongly about the FDA demanding prominent labeling of irradiated food. As a mother, a consumer and a cook, I take care in the quality of the food I use. In my opinion irradiated food destroys vitamins and changes the flavor and texture of food. I think all consumers have a right to know about the processing and handling of the food they purchase.

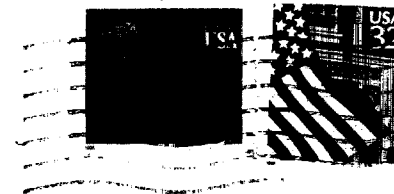
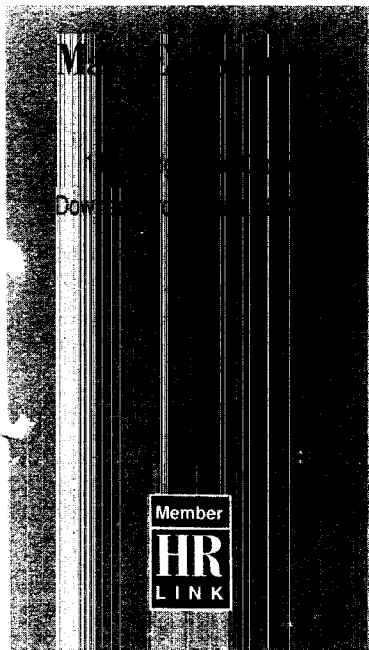
I think the labeling should be clear and specific and I do not think there should be an expiration for this labeling requirement.

Sincerely,

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